

# Synonyms - Lesson#1



## What Are Synonyms?

A synonym is a different word that has a very similar meaning. The word large is a synonym of big for example. "Large" means *big in size or amount* and "big" means *large in size or amount*. Almost all words have a synonym. These lessons have examples of words and their synonyms.

### Why are they useful to know?

There are three good reasons to learn synonyms. First, it will help you understand more when you listen or read. Second, it will help you to describe in more detail when talking or writing. Finally, it will help you get a better score on an English test like TOEFL!

Here is lesson #1. Read the information below and then answer the four questions.

**Word:** *great* - This word means *excellent or very good*.

**Example:** I had a great time.

**Synonyms:** awesome, fantastic, marvelous, terrific, wonderful

**Word:** *beautiful* - This word means *very attractive*.

**Example:** a beautiful woman

**Synonyms:** lovely, gorgeous, striking, stunning

**Word:** *small* - This word means *little in size or amount*.

**Example:** They live in a small house in the city.

**Synonyms:** little, mini, petite, tiny

1. The words "great" and "wonderful" are synonyms.
  - a) True
  - b) False
2. Which of the following is a synonym of "small"?
  - a) tiny
  - b) lovely
  - c) marvelous
3. Which word is a synonym of "beautiful", as in "that is a **beautiful** red rose"?
  - a) little
  - b) terrific
  - c) gorgeous
4. The words "gorgeous" and "petite" are synonyms.
  - a) True
  - b) False

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (b)

